

Baraboo Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2019

I. Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Vice -Chairperson John Alt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Baraboo Municipal Building, 101 South Blvd., Room 205, Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

II. Roll Call

Present: Bowers (5:40) Alt, Umhoefer, Ayar, Johnson, Platt-Gibson, Wastlund, White

Absent: Bingle, Caflisch, Palm, Reppen, Taylor

Other: Ed Geick, Patrick Cannon

III. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Umhoefer (1); White (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

IV. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as presented for December 6, 2018 as presented

Umhoefer (1); Johnson (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Old Business

a. Updates on Development Activities

Ed Geick reported on the following:

- 325 Lynn St project is still moving forward
- City is looking at Opportunity Zones
- New business is coming to 1223 South Blvd.
- The old B&H lumber site has been sold
- The Daycare at 106 Walnut St is looking to re-open

Mr. Bowers enters the meeting at 5:40 PM

b. Updates from Plan Commission and Council

This information was included under item VI a.

c. Update from economic development partners and collaborators

- Ms. Wastlund indicated that the CDA has awarded a CDBG-RLF loan for a new coffee shop.
- Mr. White indicated that SCDC is working on their long term strategy
- Ms. Platt-Gibson updated on changes at the hospital with new equipment being added. She also provided information about upgraded medical services being provided.

- Mr. Bowers announced that the Chamber Director is leaving to pursue a new position with Circus World. He also indicated that the Chamber Board is working on their strategic plan.

- Dr. Ayar indicated that it is “business as usual” at the college.

d. Consideration of development of a strategic plan for BEDC

i. Ad Hoc Committee on Eastside Corridor Study

No additional information

ii. Ad Hoc Committee on Business Walk

The report has been issued to the businesses who participated in the project.

VII. New Business

a. Discussion of recent community forums regarding cultural diversity

The photo incident has begun to quiet down. The High School Senior Class is taking a trip to Skokie, IL to visit the Holocaust Museum.

VIII. Update Partner Presentation Schedule

The following were offered as potential speakers:

St. Clare Hospital President (April)

UW Madison College

Law Enforcement

Understanding the railroad aspect of economic development

WI Dept. of Transportation

State of Agriculture in Sauk County

High School renovations (March)

IX. Commissioner and City Staff comments

Mr. White indicated that a Teacher tour was completed at Sysco with 22 teachers attending

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:36 pm.

Johnson (1); Umhoefer (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

Jim Bowers
Chairperson

Patrick Cannon
Recorder